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FOR: PRODUCTION BY PLASTIC :  
EXPANSION OF A SEALED TUBULAR :  
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SURFACE(S)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.